POINT Meeting: February 4, 1974

Held at the Learning Center, 6118 East 14th Street, Oakland

Host: Nathan Hare

Elijah: Bobby Seale

Present: Mike Phillips, Huey Johnson, Jerry Mander, Nathan Hare, Stewart Brand, Richard Baker Roshi, Bobby Seale, William Roberts, Richard Austin.

Mike - We only have one item of business, new board members.

Stewart - If we have a quorum I'd like to submit 3 resolutions for Board approval.

1. Resolved, that in order to further the aims and purposes of this Foundation, this Foundation publish a periodical to be called The COEVOLUTION Quarterly, which shall be published four times a year and which shall not carry any paid advertising in furtherance of the interests of any other persons or concerns;

2. Further Resolved, that the Editor or Managing Editor of such periodical is authorized to apply to the United States Post Office Department for Second Class Mailing Privileges for such periodical;

3. Further Resolved, that the Secretary of this Foundation is authorized to certify to the United States Post Office Department a copy of this Foundation's Constitution and By-Laws, and a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Needed for application:

1. Certified copies of Constitution (Articles) and By-Laws;

2. Certified copy of above resolutions;

3. Evidence of POINT's Section 501(c)(3) status.

All agreed.

Mike - If it's alright let's move to the main item of business.

Baker Roshi - Dick Raymond's idea of establishing an alliance with grantees puzzles me. My understanding of it is that I go by a more intuitive approach rather than what looks good on paper.

Stewart - That's what nice about not having to go thru committee is that you can fund your heart.

Huey - I find that it takes experience and involvement to be able to judge. Some projects may take years to judge.

Elijah (Bobby Seale) arrived at this time and was introduced by Baker Roshi. Mike gave a brief summary of POINT history, funding, and organizational structure.

Stewart - Does Elijah have power to vote?

Mike - Don Michael did when we elected Nathan.

Stewart - I'm in favor of letting Elijah vote. It presents another random element.

General discussion followed wherein the nominees were described to the Board by the director submitting their names. It was agreed to vote on Mike's and Stewart's lists at this meeting.

Lew Durham was elected as Mike's replacement.

One of Stewart's candidates had expressed his wish not to be considered and so Stewart added one of Mike's candidates to his list. The tally produced a replacement for Stewart in the person of Jan Mirikitani.

Huey's and Jerry's lists of candidates remain to be voted on.

With business taken care of Bobby Seale was given the floor.

Bobby - The campaign was the most recent program I was fully emersed in. Many ideas came about involving people, community organizing, etc. What's most important is to pull the people in and involve them. The school is a good example. Also voter registration, the children's music program, medical vans which can be taken right to the neighborhood for the Sicle Cell Anemia program.

What we're trying to do is to get the people to relate to programs that are concrete and not just political talk. Concrete means breakfast for kids, food coops, free dental and optometry care, childcare development center, expense dispensation for old people and so on.

The institution should serve the needs of the dommunity. This is the new direction for the Panther Party and the notariety we received in the late 60's still creates some hassles for us but it also helps us to organize, gives us a base because many young Blacks come to us as a result of our earlier anti-establishment attitudes and they trust us so it's easy to get them involved in our new programs.

What we're working hard on now is a community workshop making vocational training an applied program whereby we can kill several birds with one stone. The kids can get training, earn money, and at the same time clean up, fix up, paint up the run down housing the old and poor have to live in. This could also effect a rent rebate as the landlords would be delighted to get low cost repairs and in return ease the rent burdens of the elderly who are forced to live there due to low income.

After we purchase the medical vans we are going to try for salaries for 75-100 medical students from the area and have them assist in the program.

Right now I'm booked solid for the next month to speak all over the country.

Huey - I'll help get some $50 surplus lots if we can work together on a use, and TPL will train an urban land organizer if you can find us someone.

Meeting ajourned.

PEACEFULLY,

Richard

Richard Austin